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WOMEN PROFESSIONALS LEAD READING RALLY FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS

The San Diego Chapter of Executive Women International (EWI) in partnership with the San Diego County Probation Department will unveil a redesigned wing of the Girl's Rehabilitation Facility (GRF) on Nov. 17, in an effort to inspire girls at the facility to read. Deputy Cabinet Secretary Regina V. Evans of the governor's office will also speak to the girls about the importance of reading.

"When you immerse yourself in a good book, it takes you away. It helps you to dream big," says EWI San Diego Chapter President Anna McCutcheon.

An EWI member provided interior design services and members rolled up their sleeves to do the work of redecorating the room, including a fresh coat of paint, couches, desks, chairs, rugs and pillows donated by the group. They also stocked the newly purchased book shelves with more than 400 titles collected through a book drive.

"We feel such a connection between what the officers do for the girls at GRF and what we do within our own organization. We both emphasize personal improvement and community involvement," says McCutcheon.

"The girls are very excited to have such a great selection of books to choose from now," says GRF Supervising Probation Officer Leanne Kowalski. "They even had a hand in selecting many of the titles."

EWI also donated a Karaoke machine and will sing with the girls to celebrate the opening of the new reading room.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Saturday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Girls Rehabilitation Facility at 2861 Meadow Lark Drive in San Diego.

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